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Flames hope for outdoor game

NHL If Ken King has his way, the Calgary Flames will host an outdoor game at McMahon Stadium next season.

The Flames president confirmed that the National Hockey League team has put the wheels in motion to host the game at McMahon Stadium.

"We're working on it and hopeful," King said.

In his blog on ESPN.com, Hockey Night in Canada panelist Pierre LeBrun wrote that the Flames would host either the Montreal Canadiens or Vancouver Canucks if the game comes to fruition.

While it has already been speculated that the Pittsburgh Penguins are the front-runners to host the Washington Capitals in the NHL's annual Winter Classic on New Year's Day, LeBrun blogged that the game in Calgary would take place as part of CBC's Hockey Day in Canada in February 2011.

This past season, fans in Calgary got their hopes up when reports surfaced that the Flames would host a second New Year's Day game at McMahon, possibly against the Toronto Maple Leafs. The NHL instead stuck to the original plan of just one outdoor game at Fenway Park between the Boston Bruins and Philadelphia Flyers.

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Masters

Trying it on for size



Former Masters champion Angel Cabrera, left, of Argentina helps Phil Mickelson put on his Masters jacket after his third tournament win at the 2010 Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., yesterday. Story, page 13.

Polish community mourns president

Hundreds attend memorial masses for plane crash victims

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Local Polish community members were still reeling from the news of the death of the country's president as they mourned at memorial services held all day yesterday.

Hundreds of Calgarians attended several masses at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church. They shared their sadness over the deaths of President Lech Kaczynski and dozens of political, military and religious leaders in a plane crash in Russia Saturday.

"This is such a catastrophic event full of sadness and it's hard to make sense of it all. It's so ironic and sad," Anna Niemczewski said as she filed into the church to pay her respects with

"This is a loss for not just the people of the country but the world. Losing their leaders like that, it's tragic."

Voytek Niemczewski

her husband.

"This is a loss for not just the people of the country but the world. Losing their leaders like that, it's tragic. This is a sad day," her husband, Voytek, said.

Many paid their respects in mass and wrote into a remembrance book while Poland's government moved swiftly yesterday to show that it was staying on course after the deaths.

New acting chiefs of the military were already in place and an interim director of the central bank was named yesterday, with work running as usual, said Pawel Gras, a government

spokesman.

Kaczynski and those aboard the aging Soviet-built plane had been headed there to honour the dead. A preliminary analysis showed the plane had been working fine, a Russian investigator said.

Tens of thousands of Poles softly sang the national anthem and tossed flowers at the hearse carrying the 60-year-old Kaczynski's body yesterday to the presidential palace after it was returned from Russia's Smolensk airport, the site of the crash.

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Mojo working at Oval

Olympic speedskating rink plays host to pool tournament

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary



Bob Strachan breathed a huge sigh of relief after sinking the eight ball in his final game to lead his team to victory yesterday at the Olympic Oval.

"The adrenaline was pumping," said Strachan, who beat Norm Doucette 10-5 to help lead Mojo to a 155-153 win over Bad Company. "I was just telling myself, 'Don't mess this up.' It could have gone either way."

Normally the site for top-notch speed skating competitions, the Oval has been transformed into a giant pool hall for a series of competitions hosted by SML Entertainment from April 1-18.

SML League co-ordinator Barb Carr said the annual event attracts pool players of all skill levels and competitors at the Masters level take it extremely seriously.



On one of 100 pool tables set up at the Olympic Oval, Mark Downey sinks a shot during the SML League Masters A finals. Playing for Mojo, Downey and his teammates defeated Bad Company and won a trip to Las Vegas to compete in the World Amateur 8-Ball Championships next month.

ously. "It's high intensity," she said.

With the victory in the Masters A team final, Strachan and his teammates Mark Downey, Andy Chou, Daniel Leung and Jordan Rothermel won a trip to Las Vegas to compete in

the World Amateur 8-Ball Championships next month.

Although his team lost, Kevin Osborn pulled off an extremely rare feat known as a 50-zip, which involved him winning all five of his games 10-0.

"At this calibre, it's rare

to win five games with the other guy not shooting," said Osborn after running the table in his final game against Rothermel, who had also been perfect through his first four games. "We came up a little short so it's bitter-sweet."

Fight leaves two in hospital

STABBING Two men were sent to hospital after two groups fought in the city's southwest early yesterday.

Police were called to an alley in the 11400 block of Elbow Dr. SW at 2:40 a.m. and two men were sent to hospital with serious injuries, but both have since been upgraded.

One man was stabbed in the melee and the other man was suffering from blunt force trauma. Two men in their 20s are facing aggravated assault charges, but police believe there are more witnesses with information.

Investigators say the fight began after two separate house parties came together, and although they don't know what sparked the fight, they say the two men with injuries were both from the same group.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Ald. McIver wants snow fences installed by winter

TRANSPORTATION It only makes sense to install snow fences in the city by next year, according to one city alderman.

Ward 12 Ald. Ric McIver said a report to be discussed today at council reveals snow fences will only cost \$100,000 and are a cost-effective part of the solution

for clearing snow off streets.

"I would like to see snow fences included in the next budget because it will at least break even or even have cost savings in terms of not having to clear the snow in those areas," McIver said.

Installing snow fences was one of several ideas

brought forward by aldermen as part of a solution after last year's snow storms hampered many parts of the city.

"I know some aldermen will want to wait, but I would really like to see this included in the 2011 budget and if possible try and get them up before

this year's winter."

Mark Steen lives in the city's deep southeast and said he would welcome snow fences at such a low cost to taxpayers.

"I think if it helps save money by not having as much snow to clear the streets, it's a good plan."

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News in brief

BUS Airdrie residents will have an easier time getting to Calgary starting this fall. The InterCity Express, known as ICE, will connect Airdrie and Calgary. The new ICE bus option will offer complete two-way service between Airdrie and Calgary during peak a.m. and p.m. times. The commuter service will use three articulated buses connecting with Calgary Transit's transit networks at three hubs. **METRO CALGARY**

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Soudas takes top communications job

Dimitri Soudas, currently the prime minister's official spokesman, will take on the job of director of communications. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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G8 leaders face mighty mosquito

G8 leaders meeting in Ontario's cottage country this summer will see some of Canada's most ferocious, bloodthirsty creatures: the black fly and the mosquito. The leaders will be meeting right at the time when black flies are still biting and mosquitoes are coming into full force. But at Deerhurst Resort, where the leaders will hold their day-and-a-half meeting at the end of June, staff see no need to ramp up their bug control efforts.

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Vancouver **Alley oop!**



Members of the Fusion Athletic team of Chilliwack, B.C., are thrown in the air as they prepare for the Sea-to-Sky Cheerleading Championship in Vancouver yesterday. The competition is the largest outside of the United States, with 2,700 athletes competing.

Roadside explosive kills soldier based in Edmonton

AFGHANISTAN A Canadian soldier has been killed in a powerful roadside bomb blast while on foot patrol in a volatile community southwest of Kandahar City.

The attack that killed Pte. Tyler William Todd, 26, happened early yesterday near the community of Belanday, about eight kilometres outside of the provincial capital.

Brig.-Gen. Dan Menard, the commander of Canadian troops in Afghanistan, says Todd was on a routine

patrol to learn more about the people of the village and their needs when the bombing happened.

"His enthusiasm and strong will were inspirational to his platoon," Menard said in a prepared statement. "He was doing what he loved to do — being a soldier operating alongside friends."

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office said another Canadian soldier had been injured. The Canadian military didn't confirm the injury as it no longer re-

leases information on those wounded on the battlefield.

Stephen Harper expressed his "deepest condolences" to Todd's family and friends.

"The thoughts of an entire country are with you in this most difficult time," he said in a statement.

"I also hope for the quick and full recovery of the other Canadian soldier injured in the same incident."

Todd was from Kitchener, Ont., but based in Edmonton with the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

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Oversight highlights lapses in screening

Government guide fails to explain vulnerable sector search

The government's own "best practice" guide for screening volunteers makes no mention of a critical step to identify pardoned sex offenders such as Graham James.

The oversight highlights the current confusion in the system for doing criminal background checks, and serves as a pointed reminder to organizations gearing up for the summer volunteer season to ensure they follow a rigorous screening protocol.

Under existing legislation that has been strictly enforced since last December, only the individual being screened can request a "vulnerable sector" search that would reveal a pardoned sex offence.

Yet Public Safety Canada's own "best practice

Pardons aplenty

• There were 887 pardons granted to sex offenders in 2009-10 and 667 the year before, according to the National Parole Board. The RCMP reports it has files for 14,584 pardoned sex offenders in its national database.

guidelines for screening volunteers" does not explain vulnerable sector searches in detail, nor make clear that they must be initiated by the individual being screened.

A Public Safety spokesman said in an e-mailed statement that it's "implicitly understood that a vulnerable sector

search is automatically part of the process."

The guide acknowledges that although a person may have received a pardon, the public safety minister may unseal the record to help screen those who would work with children.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is planning legislative changes.

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Trouble in Guergis camp not surprise to Tory insiders

POLITICS You can't swing a dead cat around Parliament Hill without hitting a former staff member of Helena Guergis.

Caucus colleagues have for years traded tales of staff allegedly coming in for harangues from the junior minister — and should have tipped the boss that trouble could loom ahead.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper ousted Guergis from the Conservatives on Friday and called in the Mounties to investigate unnamed allegations against

Guergis.

News of Guergis' fall from grace came of little surprise to members of Harper's government. Over the years, a virtual army of Conservative staffers had moved in and out of her employ, sometimes following emotional clashes.

"The sad reality is those of us who were working with her knew there were problems — folks in the PMO didn't want to know about it," said one ex-staffer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

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News in brief

WEATHER Inuit hunters are helping scientists understand an essential fact of Arctic climate change — the weather's not just getting warmer, it's getting weirder. A new study published in the journal Global Environmental Change has combined the observations of Inuit on the land with cold, hard data to conclude that Arctic weather is getting less predictable all the time.

TASER CLAIMS Taser International's fight to quash a public inquiry report that concluded the controversial weapons can kill people lands in a Vancouver courtroom today.

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The trial of the last three people accused in the Toronto 18 terror plot is set to get underway today in a Brampton, Ont., courtroom. Fahim Ahmad, Asad Ansari and Steven Chand — among the 18 people arrested and charged with various terrorism offences in 2006 — are all charged with participating in a terrorist group. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Perception concerns guided Canada's swine flu response

Ottawa worried about setting precedent during first outbreak

A herd of sick pigs was nothing to sneeze at for public-health officials.

The federal government realized that how it handled a herd of pigs that caught swine flu could set a precedent in Canada and elsewhere, a new document shows.

An outbreak of H1N1 on an Alberta farm last spring was the first-ever report of the new virus in pigs, and the source of the infection remains a mystery.

Government officials were keenly aware others would be watching them closely to see how they handled the ailing herd.

"Canada is in the unenviable position of having to decide on how to manage the pigs on this farm," a public-health official wrote to colleagues last May.

"Action taken could set a precedent, at least in the short-term, on how these issues are managed in



According to a new document, the federal government realized that its handling of a herd of swine flu-infected pigs last year could have set a precedent in Canada and elsewhere.

Canada, and perhaps in other countries as this situation evolves."

The Canadian Press obtained the May 5 email and other documents under the Access to Information Act.

The email shows officials were weighing three options: culling the entire

herd, controlled marketing and lifting the quarantine on the pigs.

At one point, Canada's food-safety watchdog even considered sticking pigs with a special swine-flu needle to stop the virus from spreading through herds. Those plans were

later dropped when health officials found pigs weren't making people sick.

Pigs can catch flu viruses from infected pigs and people, mostly from coughing and sneezing.

But there's no proof people can get the H1N1 virus from pigs or by eating pork.

Still, nobody wanted to buy the Alberta farmer's pigs, so he ended up culling the herd of 3,000 hogs.

"It's quite easy to look back in retrospect," said swine flu expert Dr. Christopher Olsen.

"Now it's been quite widely recognized that this virus has infected pigs in many areas. ... But at the time, nobody knew that. Nobody knew that this perhaps was not going to be one of a small number."

Olsen added that other countries would have been watching Canada "quite closely" at the time.

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HST hike will harm business: Critics

NOVA SCOTIA An increase in the harmonized sales tax in Nova Scotia has some worried that the province is making itself less competitive as it earns the tag as the highest-taxed jurisdiction in Canada.

The tax hike was the big news in last week's provincial budget and is intended to help the NDP government hold the line on expenses to battle a deficit pegged at \$488 million for 2009-10.

Although hardly a surprise, the government's move to boost the HST by two percentage points to 15 per cent has drawn general scorn from the business sector, which maintains it continues to pay as provincial spending increases.

Among the most vocal have been members of the small business sector, seen by many as Nova Scotia's economic backbone.

"Small business will find a way to survive, but they certainly won't be as successful on a go-forward basis under this budget," said

15% The 15 per cent harmonized sales tax, which comes into effect July 1, will make Nova Scotia the highest-taxed jurisdiction in the country.

Peter Wilde, a Halifax-area chartered accountant.

"Where it's really going to hurt is people are not going to buy as much," he said.

Wilde contends that as retail sales drop, potential employers simply won't set up shop in Nova Scotia.

The criticism has stung Finance Minister Graham Steele, who last week expressed his frustration with the business federation in particular.

"Nothing seems to be good enough for them," he told reporters at the legislature. Steele maintains the province's business climate is healthy and will improve as the economy recovers from the global recession.

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Family of Terry Fox commemorating his legacy on the Rock

Canadian icon Terry Fox's family will be in St. John's today to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Fox lost a leg to bone cancer and planned to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research, beginning the trek April 12, 1980, by dipping his artificial leg in the waters off St. John's. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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What will become of civilians in Kandahar?

Handover highlights post-2011 uncertainty

Canada's provincial reconstruction base in Kandahar — often the source of great political pride for the Harper government — is now a joint venture with the United States.

A change of command was held early yesterday with no fanfare whatsoever, marking the handover of the base to civilian control.

Over 100 Canadian civilians work there with now an equal number of Americans. The reorganization sees the U.S. take an equal role in the decision-making process, a move that raises questions about whether Ottawa intends to pull civilians out of the troubled province entirely when the military leaves next year.

Though the combat mission ends in July 2011, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said the diplomatic and development mission will continue after the withdrawal. But whether that takes place in

"You either have civilians on the ground, or you don't."

Ben Rowsell,
Canadian official

Kandahar or elsewhere in Afghanistan is undecided.

"We know that we're committed to delivering development projects beyond 2011, but there are many ways you can deliver development projects, depending on how you do it," said Ben Rowsell, Canada's representative in Kandahar. "You either have civilians on the ground, or you don't."

If Canadian civilians were pulled out, it's possible Ottawa could pay the U.S., or international bodies such as the UN, to deliver its projects. Critics of the Conservative government's withdrawal plans have pointed out that Kandahar will re-

main a dangerous place and Canadian civilians left behind would need some kind of military force to protect them.

Pressure is increasing on the Harper government, both at home and abroad, to lay out a clear post-2011 strategy. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asked Canada to keep troops in Afghanistan and suggested a military training role — something Ottawa promptly dismissed. The possible withdrawal of civilians from Kandahar has put pressure on diplomats and development officers to deliver on Ottawa's signature projects and priorities, such as refurbishing dams and building schools.

"With the increase in the U.S. presence, the focus is very much on what are we going to do this year to make sure the situation improves in Kandahar," said Rowsell.

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His next trick? The great disappearing hangover

ESCAPE Dean Gunnarson risked drowning a lot more than his sorrows Saturday night.

The world-renowned escape artist was handcuffed and locked in a 240-litre metal drum filled with beer at a bar in his hometown of Winnipeg, as part of a fundraising event.

The drum spilled over as he was immersed in beer. The lid was chained shut and locked, and a fist-sized hole in the lid was his only route out. After two minutes, a hand popped out and started working the combination lock. Some 35 seconds later, Gunnarson undid the lock and

pushed the lid open.

It was an unusual stunt for a man who doesn't drink. "I don't drink beer. ... but I tell you, that (escape) gave me a better high than if I had drank the whole 240 litres of it," the 46-year-old said afterward.

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Norwegian media reported former bishop Georg Mueller has been hiding at a convent in Rome since news broke that he admitted to child abuse. Trondheim daily Adresseavisen yesterday published a picture of a smiling Mueller it says was taken shortly after the 58-year-old left the side exit of an unspecified nun's order in Rome. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Astronauts get bolt work done

Spacewalking astronauts had to pull out a hammer and pry bar while attaching a big, new tank full of ammonia coolant to the International Space Station yesterday, successfully driving in a bolt after two frustrating hours. The 346-kilometre-high action unfolded on the 40th anniversary of the launch of Apollo 13.

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Poland grieves deaths

Bodies of president, leaders return home after plane crash

Poland's government moved swiftly yesterday to show that it was staying on course after the deaths of its president and dozens of political, military and religious leaders, even as tens of thousands of Poles expressed their grief over the plane crash in Russia that shocked the country.

New acting chiefs of the military were already in place and an interim director of the central bank was named yesterday, with

Bitter irony for Poles

When Poland lost its president and top military brass Saturday in a plane crash that killed 96, it also lost much of its living history and other elite members of society. It is a supreme bitterness that they

died near, of all places, Russia's Katyn forest, where thousands of Polish officers were slain by Soviet forces in the Second World War in an attempt to eliminate some of the country's brightest.

work running as usual, said Pawel Gras, a government spokesman. It was a rare positive note on a day wracked by grief for the 96 dead and laced with re-

mindings of Poland's dark history with its powerful neighbour. The Saturday crash occurred in thick fog near the Katyn forest, where Josef Stalin's secret

police in 1940 executed thousands of Polish military officers in the former Soviet Union. President Lech Kaczynski and those aboard the aging Soviet-built plane had been headed there to honour the dead.

Tens of thousands of Poles softly sang the national anthem and tossed flowers at the hearse carrying Kaczynski's body yesterday to the presidential palace after it was returned from the site of the crash in Russia.

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Qualifications of Pope questioned after scandal

VATICAN Long before entering Vatican life, Pope Benedict XVI won renown as a theologian and a German university professor, penning more than 40 books and winning a devoted following of students who respected his prodigious memory and brilliant mind.

One thing absent from his resume? Significant time as a parish priest.

Joseph Ratzinger, the future pope, only worked 15 months tending to a flock in the 59 years since taking his vows, instead closing himself in the ivory tower of academia.

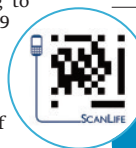
In his native Germany, the prominent Der Spiegel magazine has already declared his papacy a failure, speaking in its

most recent issue of "the tragedy of a man who had set out to write books and, only near the end of his life, was summoned to assume the Herculean office at the Vatican."

Even the pope's staunchest admirers say he's not the best manager.

"Benedict XVI is only infallible as an authoritative teacher of the faith, not as an administrator," noted the Rev. Joseph Fessio.

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Sudanese to decide political future of president indicted on war crime.

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U.S. takes gentler tone with Karzai

AFGHANISTAN U.S. officials yesterday went one step farther in their new gentler tact with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, expressing sympathy for the pressure he faces. U.S.-Afghan relations grew tense last week when Karzai lashed out against the international community, accusing them of perpetrating a "vast fraud" in last year's presidential polls. U.S.-Afghan relations grew tense last week when Karzai, seeking to bolster his own political stature, lashed out against the UN and the international community, accusing them of perpetrating a "vast fraud" in last year's presidential polls as part of a conspiracy to deny him re-election.

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Kyrgyzstan Death toll from violence rises



Two Kyrgyz women comfort each other outside government buildings in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, yesterday. The number of dead during unrest in the central Asian country grew to 81 yesterday.

News in brief

WEST VIRGINIA A pair of tall black boots and a lunch pail sat near the altar yesterday at the New Life Assembly church — a memorial to the 29 men killed in the worst U.S. mining disaster since 1970 and a thank-you to those who make their living inside the mountains. Some of those who died have already been laid to rest, though crews were still working yesterday to remove the bodies of several others who didn't make it out. Investigators will arrive today to try and figure out what caused the blast.

WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama's pledge to one day rid the world of nuclear weapons runs up against global realities this week when representatives from 47 countries try to craft an agreement on keeping nuclear weapons out of terrorist hands. Obama invited the swarm of world leaders as an important step to intensify global focus on one of the most serious nuclear proliferation threats: A world in which non-state actors — like al-Qaida — obtain nuclear materials. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

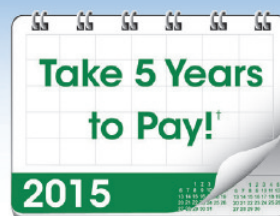
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Haiti struggles for control

Initiatives in place to curb crime, restore order

A police inspector taunted the gangster they call "Obama" through the bars of a downtown lockup. Stuffed into a tiny cell with nine other men, the 23-year-old inmate looked panicked, exhausted and freshly beaten.

It's guys like this, the pudgy cop said, who threaten to upend Port-au-Prince three months after the earthquake, exploiting the continuing chaos to commit murder, assaults and kidnappings just as the international community arrives with billions of dollars to rebuild the ravaged capital.

Fears of such insecurity have prompted the U.S. government to invest mil-

"We have an interest in a stable, prosperous and democratic Haiti."

Laurence Jones, Haiti Stabilization Initiative

lions in stabilization and security to protect its post-quake development programs. More than \$422 million of U.S. aid has come from the Defence Department.

The United States is expanding a pre-quake anti-crime effort — which focused on building infrastructure, community ties and police controls in what was the city's most dangerous slum, Cite Soleil — to the new hotspot of Martissant, on the western periphery of the capital.

Now with some \$35 million in funding, the Haiti Stabilization Initiative was established to rebuild communities where extreme poverty and desperation, both exacerbated by the Jan. 12 disaster, provide fertile ground for gangs.

"What happens in the urban hotspots in Haiti affects (the United States)," said Laurence Jones, deputy co-ordinator of the U.S.-run program. "We have an interest in a stable, prosperous and democratic Haiti."

Calcutta Hat wave



A street hawker sells hats on a hot summer day in Calcutta, India, yesterday. Heat wave conditions swept several parts of the country with mercury hovering over 40 C.

Thailand mourns victims of violence

ASIA Both government and protesters mourned their dead yesterday after a night of savage street fighting that left 21 dead, but neither side appeared ready to compromise to end the political stalemate that has bedeviled Thailand for five years.

At least 874 others were injured when security forces tried to crack down Saturday on demonstrators who have been staging a month of disruptive protests. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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That's a lot of hot air

Calgary fifth-largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions: UN

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Adrienne Beattie

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Shame, shame Calgary. A recent UN report exposed our city as the fifth-largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions in the world, with each of us sending a whopping 17.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Our sprawling ways and car addiction share some of the blame.

To be fair, the culprit for most of our emissions comes from coal since that's where most of our electricity is sourced. Our landfills also must shoulder some responsibility since our lack of citywide compost collection generates a stench of methane, creating

tonnes of emissions.

But that doesn't let two chronic Calgary contributors to our overall emissions picture off the hook — urban sprawl and car usage.

Calgary has a population density of 1,360.2 inhabitants per square kilometre. Compare that to a city like Barcelona, Spain, with more than 10 times our density and you get lower emissions at 4.2 tonnes per person.

University of Calgary Prof. Max Foran helped explain how we got ourselves into this sprawling mess in his book, *Expansive Discourses: The City of Calgary, the Land Developers and Residential Urban Sprawl, 1945-1978*.

Foran takes us back to 1954 when the municipal

government relinquished control of new roads and utilities to developers as a cost-saving measure (those costs just got tacked onto home prices).

The result? Urban planning basically got turned over into the hands of developers, which meant single-family dwellings ruled.

Mixed-used development emphasizing higher density would not only lower our emissions but also lower ongoing infrastructure maintenance costs borne by taxpayers. The city's new integrated Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP), Plan It, outlines smarter growth practices, if implemented.

Existing growth patterns help explain our car dependence. Sparsely populated

ed suburbs are difficult to service with public transit. Add to that years of transportation funding largely dedicated to roads and you've got yourself a situation.

Federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice, who is also an MP for Calgary, pointed to Calgarians' heavy use of vehicles to explain our high emissions.

Eighty per cent of us own cars — one of the highest rates of car ownership in the country. Meanwhile, 55.7 per cent of New Yorkers don't even have a car. With a far superior public transit system, their emissions were lower than ours at 10.4 tonnes per capita.

Calgary can design its way out of this shameful international exposure — better public transit and smart growth pave the way forward.

Adrienne Beattie is a Calgary-born writer who has covered urban issues since 2001 and has an English degree from the University of Calgary.

"Existing growth patterns help explain our car dependence. Sparsely populated suburbs are difficult to service with public transit."

Worth mentioning

British leaders turn to wives on campaign trail

One wants to dispel the notion that he's half-man, half-machine. The other wants to banish the notion that he's too posh for office. So in a break with tradition, the men fighting to become Britain's prime minister are turning to their wives for help.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown and his challenger David Cameron both have image problems they're tackling in a way the British electorate isn't used to seeing: By dispatching their spouses to the campaign trail.

The Labour Party's Brown is seen by some as a cold, distant grouch. Enter Sarah Brown, his articulate and approachable spouse, to add a warm, human dimension.

Conservative Leader Cameron — fighting some voters' perception that he is a spoiled rich kid from Britain's most elite private

school — has deployed his sunny wife, Samantha, to soften his "posh boy" reputation, despite the fact she herself is a distant relative of King Charles II.

The result is a British campaign in which the candidates' spouses are in the spotlight as never before, giving the race a bit more of a U.S. flavour, reminding voters of how Michelle Obama's appeal helped her husband move into the Oval Office.

For an unpredictable election in which polls suggest no one party may win an outright majority, the candidates are using every advantage they can muster.

Many of the millions of undecided voters targeted by the campaigns are women, who worry about what the ballot will mean to their families.

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Views

Reaching the fork in life's crossroads

HineSight

Anne Hines

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Today is my final column. In a few weeks I'll start my first charge as a United Church of Canada minister. It's the practice of my church to assign new pastors to churches that can't otherwise attract a minister. Usually, this is because these places can't offer perks such as, I don't know, proximity to a major city... indoor plumbing... protection from wolves. All I can say is, a spiritual life is not for sissies.

Last week I invited read-

ers to send in questions on... just about anything. Here's a sampling:

One reader asked, "How can I stop worrying?" Remember, worrying is the Spanx® of the emotional spectrum. You feel like you're doing something to address the problem but really you're not. Why bother?

Daniel wrote, "Can you tell me about your ex-husband?" I call Michael "The nicest guy you could hope to be divorced from." I think the reason we're friends now is that, when we split, we tried hard to share the kids with each other, but not our anger and disappointment. It made all the difference.

Yasmeen asked, "How can I get rid of the squirrels in my attic?" There's

nothing more annoying than trying to sleep while squirrels are enjoying intimate relations above your head. It just reminds you of how much more of that rodents get than we do. And, yes, Yasmeen, I know a 99.9 per cent effective method of squirrel removal. Collect some TNT, a burlap sack and a rocket launcher and message me back.

Samantha wants to know how to get people to stop feeding pigeons and how to deal with the pigeon eggs on her balcony. I would ask, are the people feeding the pigeons directly below your balcony? And, are you a decent aim?

Lorraine asked, "What's your philosophy of life?" I'm with the Buddhists, who say life is a constant

round of building up and falling away, building up and falling away. Our task is to become as comfortable with the falling away as we are with the times of building. So, when I find myself at a crossroad in life, or feeling that everything I've built is "falling away" I sit back, open myself to the universe and repeat this mantra, "Ohmygodnoooooooooooooo!" at the top of my lungs. So far, this hasn't helped much. But then, life is a work in progress, isn't it?

Keep in touch via anehines.com.

And thanks to all. I've loved sharing your Monday mornings!

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A lifeline for Greece

Eurozone nations promise billions in loans to debt-laden country

Desperate to halt the Greek debt crisis that has hammered the euro, fellow eurozone governments tossed it a financial lifeline yesterday, saying they would make €30 billion (\$40 billion) in loans available this year alone — if Athens asks for them.

The International Monetary Fund stands ready to chip in another €10 billion, said Olli Rehn, the EU monetary affairs chief.

The promise — filling in details of a March 25 pledge of joint eurozone-IMF help — was another attempt to calm markets that have been selling off Greek bonds in recent days. Markets viewed the March pledge as too vague and carrying such tough restrictions that made it difficult for Greece to access any money.

As a result, investors demanded high rates to loan to the government as it struggles to avoid default and pay some €54 billion in debt coming due this



Demonstrators protest outside the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Thessaloniki, Greece yesterday. The Greek government will tax the Church's landholdings to gather revenue to help overcome the country's largest debt crisis in decades.

year — rates the government says it can't go on paying.

In an emergency video conference, the finance ministers of the 16 eurozone nations agreed on a complex three-year financ-

ing formula that generates an interest rate of "around five per cent."

This is less than commercial market rates — which have soared above seven per cent on Greek 10-year borrowing in re-

cent weeks as the debt crisis dragged on — but more than beneficiaries of IMF usually pay. European Central Bank president Jean-Claude Trichet and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have insisted that Greece not get below-market interest rates amounting to an EU subsidy for its past bad behaviour.

The test of yesterday's announcement will be whether it restores confidence that Greece will not default and gives it a chance to borrow normally at lower rates. Under last week's rates, Greece would have had to pay more than twice what Germany pays.

The danger is that interest payments themselves begin to sink the budget despite severe cutbacks imposed in recent days. A Greek default would be a serious blow to the euro, rattle markets and inflict losses on European banks that have bought Greek government bonds.

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Dubai sets up finance team

UAE Dubai's government said yesterday it is creating a finance team tasked with drafting a four-year financial plan and making recommendations on fiscal needs in the cash-strapped emirate.

The new body will operate under Dubai's finance department and report to the existing Supreme Fiscal Committee, which is chaired by Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, a top aide and uncle of Dubai's ruler.

Dubai is scrambling to work itself out from more than \$80 billion US in debt amassed by the sheikdom and its many state-linked companies.

The semiautonomous city-state shocked global markets in November when it sought to delay repaying billions of dollars owed by its conglomerate Dubai World.

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In brief

CP RAIL Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. and the union representing workers that build and maintain track and machinery have reached a tentative three-year contract. The memorandum was announced late Saturday by the Calgary-based company and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Division.

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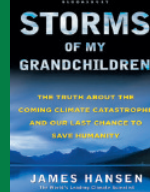
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"The only thing you're giving up is an unsustainable monoculture and the nasty smell and toxic fumes," says Sharyn Inward, executive assistant with

Green Communities Canada in Peterborough, Ont.

If you think it's going to be frustrating and difficult to green your green, Inward is delighted to disagree.

"The first thing you want to do at this time of year is rake your lawn," Inward says. "Just picking up stuff that has matted in there. It's call dethatching. All that stuff is valuable mulch."

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Raptors fall into ninth

Derrick Rose had a game-high 26 points as the Chicago Bulls beat Toronto 104-88 yesterday, overtaking the Raptors for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. The win puts the Bulls in the driver's seat as the NBA enters the final week of the regular season. Chicago leads Toronto by a game in the race for eighth. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports



Magic centre honours crash victims

Orlando Magic centre Marcin Gortat, left, had more important issues on his mind than basketball yesterday. The native of Poland paid tribute to his homeland's president, who was killed along with 95 others in a plane crash in Russia. Gortat wrote the number of the fatal flight on his sneakers before the Magic played the Cleveland Cavaliers and wrote President Lech Kaczynski's name on the tape around his wrist. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Canada's skip Kevin Koe takes a bite out of the gold medal he won yesterday at the world curling championships.

Koe leads Canada to gold

CURLING Another men's championship curling showdown with Norway, another gold medal for Canada.

Edmonton's Kevin Koe stormed out to a 5-1 lead en route to an emphatic 9-3 win over Norway yesterday in the final of the Capital One world men's curling championship.

The win comes less than two months after Edmonton's Kevin Martin beat Norway's Thomas Ulsrud 6-3 to capture the Olympic men's curling title in Vancouver.

The victory capped quite

a ride for Koe, whose rink of Blake MacDonald, Carter Rycroft, Nolan Theissen and alternate Jamie King captured the Canadian title last month in Halifax in its first-ever appearance in the Brier.

"It's been such a whirlwind last month and a half for us," said Koe.

"It's just been an awesome ride for us and I'm just so happy for the guys. "This is a pretty good team and now we're world champs. That's something no one can take away from us."

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Emotional win for Mickelson

First tournament for his wife since her cancer diagnosis

Even sweeter than Phil Mickelson slipping into another green jacket was seeing his wife waiting for him behind the 18th green yesterday at Augusta National with tears streaming down her face.

Amy Mickelson had not been at a golf tournament since being diagnosed with breast cancer 11 months ago.

He had not looked the same ever since.

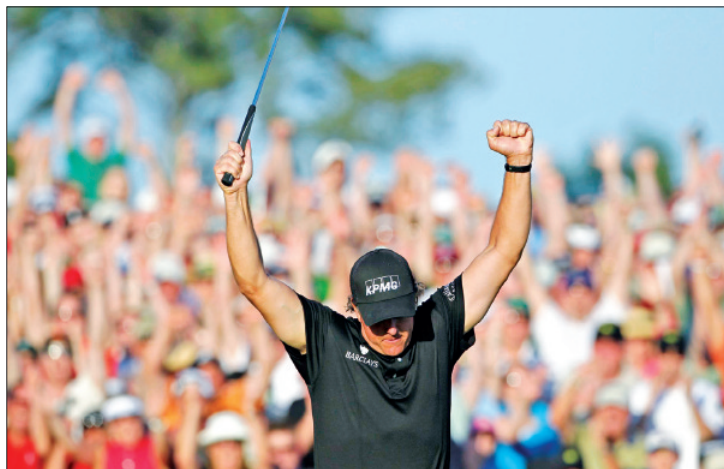
A shattered world seemed at peace in the fading sunlight yesterday at the Masters, where Mickelson made one last birdie for a 5-under 67 and a three-shot victory over Lee Westwood.

It was a forgettable final round for Canadian Mike Weir, who closed with a 5-over 77 to finish tied for 43rd.

The conclusion was far more emotional than anyone expected.

Mickelson shared a long embrace with his wife behind the 18th green, and as he walked to the scoring trailer to sign for the lowest score at Augusta in nine years, a single tear trickled down his cheek to his lip.

"We've been through a lot this year. It means a lot to share some joy together,"



Phil Mickelson celebrates on the 18th green after winning the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., yesterday for the third time in his career. Tiger Woods finished fourth, five strokes back.

Fourth not good enough for Tiger

- Tiger Woods takes little joy in finishing among the leaders at the Masters, even though by most standards his comeback will be deemed a success.
- When Woods strolled off

the 18th green, having rolled in a birdie putt that only assured he would finish tied for fourth, he saw no reason to celebrate.

- He had finished five strokes behind winner Phil Mickelson.

Mickelson said, his voice cracking as he struggled to keep control. "It's been such an incredible week, an emotional week. And to cap

it off with a victory is something I can't put into words. "It's something we'll share for the rest of our lives."

Determined to win one for his family, Mickelson made two remarkable par saves from the trees, seized control with a 15-foot birdie putt in the heart of Amen Corner and then made a gutsy play with a six-iron off the pine straw and over Rae's Creek on the par-5 13th to set up a birdie. It was the kind of shot that has brought Mickelson so much criticism for taking unnecessary risks.

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Boston 4 Washington 3 (SO)
Detroit 3 Chicago 2 (OT)
Los Angeles 2 Colorado 1 (OT)
New Jersey 2 Buffalo 1
Philadelphia 2 N.Y. Rangers 1 (SO)
Tampa Bay 3 Florida 1
Pittsburgh 6 N.Y. Islanders 5 (OT)
Anaheim 7 Edmonton 2

PLAYOFF MATCHUPS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. Montreal (8)
New Jersey (2) vs. Philadelphia (7)
Buffalo (3) vs. Boston (6)
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Ottawa (5)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Jose (1) vs. Colorado (8)
Chicago (2) vs. Nashville (7)
Vancouver (3) vs. Los Angeles (6)
Phoenix (4) vs. Detroit (5)

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 104 Toronto 88

Golden State 120 Oklahoma City 117

Miami 111 New York 98
New Orleans 114 Minnesota 86
Orlando 98 Cleveland 92
Phoenix 116 Houston 106
Portland 91 L.A. Lakers 88

MLB

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Toronto 5 Baltimore 2
Boston 8 Kansas City 6
Chicago White Sox 5 Minnesota 4
Detroit 9 Cleveland 8
N.Y. Yankees 7 Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 9 L.A. Angels 4
Texas 9 Seattle 2

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Arizona 15 Pittsburgh 6
Cincinnati 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Colorado 4 San Diego 2
Florida 6 L.A. Dodgers 5
Milwaukee 9 St. Louis 7
Philadelphia 2 Houston 1
San Francisco 6 Atlanta 3
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 2

Sports in brief

NHL Sidney Crosby finished the regular season with a flourish, scoring twice to reach 50 goals for the first time and adding three assists that helped the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Islanders 6-5 in overtime yesterday.

MLB Jose Bautista and Alex Gonzalez hit consecutive homers in the eighth inning after a two-out error by Miguel Tejada, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 yesterday to complete a three-game sweep.

SOCCER Portsmouth reached the FA Cup final by scoring two extra-time goals to beat Tottenham 2-0 yesterday, a day after being relegated from the Premier League in a season where crippling debts almost put the club out of business.

INDY CAR Helio Castroneves held off Scott Dixon to win the inaugural Indy Grand Prix of Alabama yesterday, coasting to the finish line after coming off caution with two laps to go.

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Reverse plagiarism?

A University of Regina engineering professor has been accused of plagiarizing a former student's work and trying to publish it in an academic journal. When the graduate submitted a paper for publication to the journal in the summer of 2008, he was informed his submission resembled another paper received six months earlier, which listed the student's academic supervisor and three other people as authors. The university's investigation is private at this point. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

An artist at the centre of sport

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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David Arrigo failed Grade 9 art. It bored him. Instead Arrigo, who's now 40, used toothbrushes and any old paint he could find to decorate friends' jean jackets.

Arrigo liked art enough by the end of high school to enrol in a college program for graphic design management. But he dropped out of the program and started taking



David Arrigo painted every Canadian gold medal winner at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.

odd jobs.

He was loading trucks when a former girlfriend

— whom he'd long ago painted a jacket for — told the restaurant where she

was working about Arrigo. They wanted a wall mural and offered him the job.

He covered the four-foot by four-foot wall with a jazz-themed scene, and the owners loved it. Soon, he was getting mural commissions all over Toronto and within a few months quit his other job.

Around this time, Arrigo picked up a mural painting book in an art supply store. "I got a quarter way through it, and then I tossed it. I can do my own

The Lowdown

Job title: Sports artist
Salary: "It varies, but I'm able to have a good lifestyle and do lots of travelling."
Education: Self-taught
Best Part of the Job: "Interacting with people, I love that."
Worst Part of the Job: "Watching paint dry."

thing." He still refuses to look at art books.

In 1999, he convinced staff at Wayne Gretzky's restaurant to let him paint a massive mural. Around the time he finished the 80-foot by 30-foot piece, Gretzky announced his retirement and was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame. Arrigo was asked, at the last minute, to do a mural for the induction ceremony.

Arrigo proved himself by whipping off the piece in 30 hours (the paint was barely dry for the event). That soon led to a commission to do an 18-foot by seven-foot mural of the Leafs that still hangs in the Air Canada Centre today.

A huge hockey fan who began skating at age three, painting hockey greats and other sports scenes was no problem for Arrigo.

He's now gone to two Olympics — including Vancouver, where he painted all the gold medal winners — numerous Super Bowls and NASCAR races, among other events.

Meanwhile, about three years ago, he painted his first goalie mask for Mike Smith of the Dallas Stars. The helmet covered with the Grinch (it was the holiday season and the Jim Carrey movie had just come out) worked out well. He's now done masks for 14 NHL goalies.

Whenever he's hired for a job, Arrigo does a rough sketch of what he plans to do. Once he's working on the mural, canvas or mask, he photographs his work at every stage and sends them to his client.

Arrigo uses acrylic paints to minimize fumes — he'll wear a mask when he's in his studio. But he often paints in public at sports events so passersby can watch him wield his airbrush and turn his favourites sports ideas and icons into art.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Most tax rebates to be used paying debt

According to a new CareerBuilder survey, more than half (56 per cent) of workers report they will use their tax return to pay off bills that have accumulated.

Tax returns can be a needed income boost for cash-strapped workers. Nearly eight-in-10 (78 per cent) said they currently live paycheck to paycheck; up from 61 per cent who said the same in May 2009.

In addition, economic pressures have resulted in some workers downsizing their investments to help make ends meet.

"Workers' wallets are still feeling the ripple effects of the past year," said Rosemary Haefner of CareerBuilder. "In addition to scaling back their investments and cutting back on expenses, workers are using their tax returns to help supplement their incomes."

While many workers indicated that they will use their tax returns to tackle bills, others said they will use their refunds for the following:

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Moyer dishes on Paquin romance

Stephen Moyer, who is engaged to True Blood co-star Anna Paquin, blames HBO for their relationship in a Details magazine article. "They put us in the same hotel ... The attraction was there, so it was a matter of whether we acted on it or not." **POPEATER.COM**

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Entertainment

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**The Pirate way**

Johnny Depp is adamant his decision to stick with the *Pirates Of The Caribbean* franchise was not motivated by money — insisting he "loves" his swashbuckling character.

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Junos carry the torch

Producers riding wave of Olympic Games enthusiasm

This year's Junos hope to borrow some of the magic of the Vancouver Olympics.

Executive producer John Brunton says the show will look to connect with a country still on a high from the Games and might even incorporate some of the production tricks seen during the opening and closing ceremonies.

So, we'll see K'naan mingling with killer whales? Drake navigating cracking, splintering ice floes?

Not quite.

But the Junos will employ the same Quebec company that did projection work at the Olympics festivities, and Brunton

says that the awards show will try to carry on the same spirit of Canadian patriotism that permeated the Games.

"We're trying to ride the wave — this tidal wave — of Canadian enthusiasm and patriotism that's come out of the Vancouver Olympics," Brunton, the mastermind behind Canadian Idol and Battle of the Blades said in a telephone interview.

"I think the opening of the show has a real correlation with ... the whole vibe that came out of Vancouver. The whole sense of Canadians coming together in ways that we haven't

really seen them do from a multicultural perspective and just a sense of pride."

Though Brunton is staying mum on most details for the show this Sunday, he says this year's instalment of the Junos will set a new technical standard for the venerable show.

"It's just pushing the envelope of the technology of a rock 'n' roll show," he said. "In terms of the lighting and projections we're using on our set ... we're pushing ourselves technologically into a different place."

He says viewers won't see the giant spouting or-

cas that captivated during the Games — "because we don't have as large a palette in terms of our stage" — but the Junos set will be "a great palette that can transform itself over the course of the nine acts in the program."

Those acts include Drake, Justin Bieber, K'naan, Billy Talent, Blue Rodeo and Michael Buble, who carries a leading six nominations into Sunday's festivities in St. John's, N.L.

To further the Olympic theme, Canadian gold medalists Alexandre Bilodeau and Jon Montgomery will be among the presenters at this year's show, which will be held



Justin Bieber is one of nine musical acts set to perform Sunday on CTV's broadcast of the Juno Awards in St. John's, N.L.

without a designated host.

Meanwhile, organizers will cultivate a party atmosphere along famous George Street, where Juno nominees the Arkells and Deadmau5 will perform

outdoors.

"We hope it will be raw, wild, patriotic enthusiasm from George Street, which will just be hopefully rabid Canadian music fans," he said.

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Conan performs in Enoch, Alta., on April 27

Laughter is the goal when a comedian steps in front of an audience. Conan O'Brien is in pursuit of that and more: The next stage of his career.

The former Tonight host, barred from appearing on TV until September by terms of his exit deal from NBC, kicks off a nationwide tour today

in Eugene, Ore., that could highlight his popularity amid negotiations for a new talk show.

Dubbed The Legally Prohibited From Being Funny on Television Tour, the two-month venture will take O'Brien, his former Tonight band and sidekick Andy Richter to about 30 U.S. and Canadian cities.

It's virtually sold out and extra dates have been added in a handful of larger markets. Many tickets were priced at a relatively low \$40, although the resale

market has boosted their value to as much as \$2,000.

His tour ranked as the top-seller on StubHub, "which is unheard of for a comedian," said Glenn Lehrman, spokesman for the online ticket site. The No. 1 spot usually goes to a sports event or big-arena pop concert, he said.

That makes O'Brien look like a winner — and a rock star — as he angles to return as a TV host, with Fox considered the likely home among possibilities that also include a cable channel

or a syndicated package.

"It's pretty impressive he sold out a national tour" so quickly, said Garth Ancier, a veteran TV executive who served as the first programming chief for Fox. "That says there's a fan base he's connected to, and demonstrates to Fox and anybody else his viability as a draw."

The stage shows are proof that "people will pay money to see him," said industry analyst Shari Anne Brill. "Which means he can make money for a network."

Mark Metzger, general

manager for Fox affiliate KLSR-TV in Eugene, is rooting for O'Brien's success on the road. While Metzger is eager to welcome the comedian to Fox's late-night lineup, a number of other affiliates are reluctant to give up profitable sitcom reruns to make room for him.

The tour could change minds, Metzger said. "I think it would influence the other affiliates, with him going to cities and selling out theatres," he said.

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Star Trek memorabilia goes on sale in Vegas

Fans can get a piece of famous franchise

Star Trek fans looking for Enterprise chairs, Starfleet uniforms or a model Klingon Bird of Prey can seek out new life for the pieces of a closed Las Vegas attraction based on the famous franchise.

Auctioneer Propworx Inc. plans to sell roughly 1,000 items from Star Trek: The Experience at a warehouse sale Saturday in Las Vegas.

The attraction, based on the beloved science fiction television series and movies, closed in 2008 after a 10-year run.

"Anything like this, you're sad to see it go, but on the other hand it's an opportunity for fans to preserve the stuff," said CEO Alec Peters.

"It's an opportunity for the studio to get it in the hands of people who made it great."

Among the items for sale are three large models of spaceships — the U.S.S. Enterprise A, the U.S.S. Voyager and the Klingon Bird of Prey — as well as a replica of the En-

"You're sad to see it go, but on the other hand, it's an opportunity for fans to preserve the stuff."

Alec Peters,
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terprise bridge from Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Peters said a Borg alcove, where members of the synthetically enhanced drone race synch with a hive mind, is on sale, as are costumes and knickknacks, starting at \$10.

The attraction folded in Star Trek mythology, billing itself as a 21st-century time station used to transport personnel and equipment to and from the late 24th century.

The story was that the Experience let folks of the future meet and study many human cultures in

Sin City, the place where they often converge.

The attraction included two rides transporting visitors to the U.S.S. Enterprise.

Mike Cornwell, the executive officer of a local Star Trek fan club that helped set up the memorabilia sale, said Friday:

"We see it as such a waste that they closed it down. It's really a blow to all Star Trek fans everywhere."

CBS Television Distribution, which owns the rights to the franchise, has a licensing deal in place for a Star Trek exhibit in downtown Las Vegas through its consumer products division.

No timeline for that attraction has been announced.

CBS Consumer Products has a deal with Kennedy Space Center on a 30-minute live stage show based on the universe from the 2009 Star Trek movie.

The show is to debut in June of this year.

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Fey reprises SNL Palin

She's back and wearing leather. Tina Fey reprised her impression of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live while hosting the NBC sketch comedy show Saturday night.

It was Fey's first performance as the former Alaska governor since her iconic impressions during the 2008 presidential campaign when Palin was the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

Fey appeared as Palin in a sketch introducing a mock Sarah Palin Network, satirizing Palin's entry into media. Palin recently launched the program Real American Stories on Fox News Channel and will soon begin production on Sarah Palin's Alaska, an eight-part series for TLC.

Appearing as Palin in a leather jacket with an American flag pin, Fey introduced a lineup of shows like Tea Party

Wheel of Fortune (the puzzle read "Obamar is a terrorist"), Are You Smarter than a Half-Term Governor? and 30 Main Street, a parody of her own 30 Rock.

Other fake shows included Hey Journalist, I Gotcha,



in which Palin re-edited interviews to make it look like her interview with the Associated Press.

Shortly before the 2008 election, Palin made a cameo appearance on SNL alongside Fey. Afterward, Palin said she had fun on the show and would do it again if asked. In her memoir, Going Rogue, Palin wrote that she grew up watching SNL.

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Tina Fey, left, performed her famous Sarah Palin role for the first time since the '08 election.

Box office

- 1 Date Night:**
\$27.1 million
- 2 Clash of the Titans:**
\$26.9 million
- 3 How to Train Your Dragon:**
\$25.4 million
- 4 Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too?:**
\$11 million
- 5 The Last Song:**
\$10 million
- 6 Alice in Wonderland:**
\$5.6 million US
- 7 Hot Tub Time Machine:**
\$5.4 million
- 8 The Bounty Hunter:**
\$4.3 million
- 9 Diary of a Wimpy Kid:**
\$4.1 million
- 10 Letters to God:**
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	246	-	8 CKAL	Law & Order: Special Victims	Chuck (HDTV)	Chuck (HDTV)	How I Met	How I Met	Le Téléjournal Nouvelles (SC)		EP Daily
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Celebrity Buzz

Splitville for J and J

SO LONG AND THANKS FOR ALL THE GOSSIP FODDER Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel have reportedly ended their three-year relationship, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The showbiz couple, who have been dogged by suggestions their union is close to breaking up for some time, have called it quits.

"Justin truly thought he'd found the one in Jessica

and she felt the same. But the relationship just didn't seem to go anywhere," a source told the Sunday Mirror newspaper.

"It was mutual and they agreed it was best to part ways if things weren't going to head towards marriage and kids.

They are both incredibly busy."

Timberlake is currently filming new comedy movie *Bad Teacher* with his ex-girlfriend Cameron Diaz, and the pair have been enjoying their time together, sharing jokes and getting on better than ever, the same source tells the newspaper.

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A monster's garage

FULL OF MISTRESSES Reports of an alleged fifth mistress for Jesse James suggest the Monster Garage host was more involved with affairs than previously thought.

"She had a full-on relationship with Jesse," a source says of the woman, who wishes to remain unidentified, according to Radar Online.

"Jesse got a house for

this woman and she said he paid the rent on it every month. She said he only stopped paying for it once she broke up with him."

Meanwhile, sources tell the website that

James' neighbours were well aware that he was stepping out on Sandra Bullock.

"Everybody knew what a dog he was," a source says. "We always felt bad for Sandra, but it's not our business."

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Funny man to philosopher

SPEAK THOSE WORDS OF WISDOM. ACE Jim Carrey, who announced his split from Jenny McCarthy this week on Twitter, has posted several Tweets defending Tiger Woods and criticizing Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, ew.com reports.

On Friday, Carrey wrote, "Tiger Woods owes nothing to anyone but himself. 2 please his father

he gave up his childhood and his freedom in the world. That's enough!"

Then the actor continued: "No wife is blind enough to miss that much infidelity. Elin had 2 b a willing participant on the ride 4 whatever reason" and

"No woman just stays at home with the kids anymore. Tiger was wrong and Elin was ignoring the obvious."

Carrey also commented on what he considered to be society's unfair treatment of Woods these past few months: "Whenever we form a consensus about some1 we envy, who's stumbling, our collective ego LOVES to flex its unified muscle! S'ugly!"

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A quick in and out

MARRIAGE IS LIKE JUMPING INTO A COLD LAKE OR A PAN FULL OF HOT OIL On Friday's Oprah Winfrey Show, Kenny Chesney opened up about his quickie marriage to Renée Zellweger, us-magazine.com reports.

After just four months of dating, the two shocked fans when they wed in May 2005 in a barefoot-on-the-beach wedding. Four months later, Zellweger filed for an annulment, citing "fraud."

"I panicked," Chesney, 42, told Winfrey. "I look at my life as a box. So everything that I put in — learn how

to play guitar, put that in the box — the friends I made, I put that in the box ... and my career grew.

"Everything around me — all of the awards and all of the songs I wrote and all the success and everything — I put in that box."

Asked whether their marriage was in or out of the box, Chesney replied, "It was out of the box. Oh my God, but it's tough.

It really is tough. And she's a sweet soul, no doubt about it, but I just wasn't ready."

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A painful boobie trap

SHOULD THEY STAY OR SHOULD THEY GO? Amy Winehouse found herself back in the hospital again, but this time it had nothing to do with drinking or drugs.

The troubled singer was in immense pain, thought to be related to a recent breast augmentation, sources tell the Sun.

"Amy was in

agony and became convinced it was something to do with her boobs," a source says. "She thought she would leave it for a while but the pain got worse. She went into the clinic and they kept her under observation. She is waiting for a decision on whether the implants have to come out or not."

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One and a half men?

THAT JUST SOUNDS SILLY Charlie Sheen is speaking out to clear the air about rumours he's leaving *Two and a Half Men* over a salary dispute.

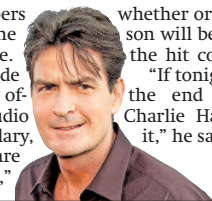
"All of the numbers reported in the press are false. Claims from 'inside sources' regarding offers from the studio as well as my salary, on their best day, are without merit,"

Sheen says in a statement to People magazine.

"In no way has this been a hasty or negligent 11th hour surprise."

But Sheen doesn't say whether or not this season will be his last one the hit comedy show. "If tonight's show is the end for me as Charlie Harper, so be it," he says.

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CelebTweets

JAMES VAN DER BEEK is going to be a father, **TYRA BANKS** is committing a fashion faux pas, and **PARIS HILTON** is dealing with a drenched phone.

@vanderjames Yes, it's true — the woman I love and I are expecting our first child... currently experiencing joy on levels I never knew existed.

@tyrabanks I think I'm gonna wear the same outfit today as I did yesterday... shhhh! I really liked it!!! Have you ever done that?

@Parishilton Tried drying my blackberry with my blow dryer. Phone is still dead, brutal. I give up, hopefully it will dry out on it's own overnight.

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Nothing says love like a safe landing

HEY, BABY, WHAT'S YOUR WING SPAN? Hilary Swank surprised her boyfriend by giving him a lift during one of her flight lessons, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who recently portrayed aviator Amelia Earhart in *Amelia* — took a detour during her training for her pilot's license, cancelled partner John Campisi's flight and took her plane to pick him up instead.

"I absolutely love flying. I picked up my boyfriend from a meeting in Las Vegas," she says.

"I said to my instructor, 'Can we pick my boyfriend up?' and he said,

'Sure.' So we flew to Vegas and showed up at the airport."

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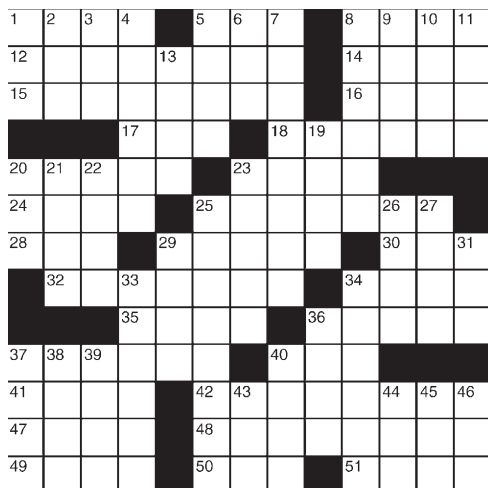
Wednesday
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WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



ACROSS

- 1 Often-dunked cookie
- 5 Away from NNW
- 8 Dog's feet
- 12 Not paraphrased
- 14 Last write-up
- 15 Hole
- 16 Depend (on)
- 17 Charged particle
- 18 "Shake, — and Roll"
- 20 Witch trial town
- 23 Trigonometric function
- 24 Persia, today
- 25 New Zealand bird, e.g.
- 28 Poorly lit
- 29 Poker table pronunciation
- 30 Joan of —
- 32 Suitable
- 34 Spill the beans
- 35 Humdinger
- 36 Baby kangaroos
- 37 Beverage of the gods
- 40 Prepared
- 41 Beige
- 42 Hunger
- 47 Stay away from
- 48 Strangled
- 49 Mary — Lincoln
- 50 TV Tarzan Ron
- 51 "A — home is his castle"

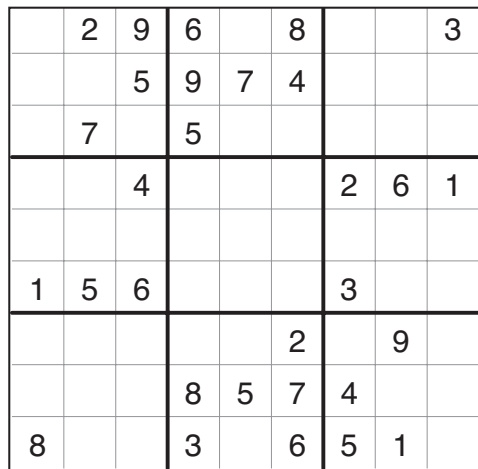
DOWN

- 1 Eggs
- 2 Agent, for short
- 3 Before
- 4 "Tonight Show" host, briefly
- 5 Dazzle
- 6 Knight's address
- 7 Retired
- 8 "Anything Goes" composer
- 9 Help in wrongdoing
- 10 Volition
- 11 Eyelid problem
- 13 Fermi's bit
- 19 Working with-
- 20 Comedian Caesar
- 21 Operatic solo
- 22 Genie's home
- 23 Animal track
- 25 Electrical strength
- 26 Harvard rival
- 27 Picture of health?
- 29 New Rochelle college
- 31 Letterman's network
- 33 Plump
- 34 Undersurface
- 36 Scoff
- 37 Bird's home
- 38 Reverberate
- 39 Gunky stuff
- 40 Agile
- 43 Chum
- 44 Call — day
- 45 X rating?
- 46 Sullivan and McMahon

Sudoku

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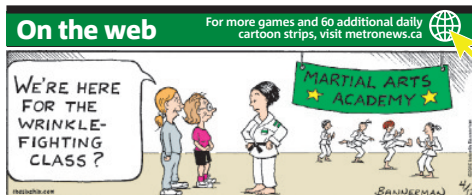
HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



7	4	2	3	6	9	5	1	8
8	1	5	7	4	2	6	9	3
3	9	6	5	8	1	7	2	4
1	7	3	2	5	8	9	4	6
6	2	4	9	1	7	3	8	5
5	8	9	6	3	4	1	7	2
2	3	7	4	9	5	8	6	1
4	5	8	1	7	6	2	3	9
9	6	1	8	2	3	4	5	7



Metro Recipe of the Day



Italian Summer Salad

INGREDIENTS:

250 g dried penne
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 small bunch fresh basil, finely chopped
200 g red and yellow cherry tomatoes, halved
150 g fresh mozzarella, cubed
200 g jarred roasted red peppers, cut into strips

METHOD:

1. Cook penne in pot of salted boiling water according to pack instructions, until al dente.

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2. In large bowl, mix olive oil, lemon juice, crushed garlic and basil. Drain pasta. While still hot, put into bowl with dressing and toss. Set aside to cool.

3. Season. Add vegetables and mozzarella and toss. Serve

SERVES 4

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

As Wednesday's new moon falls in your sign you have every right to put your own needs first this week.



TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

You are in a thoughtful mood at the moment, the kind of mood where you don't feel like interacting with other people.



LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Ask yourself what you can do to make other people's lives more exciting and fulfilling this week.



SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

Something you are working on would benefit from a second opinion, if only because you are too close to it and can't see the issues clearly.



GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

The pace of life will pick up dramatically over the next few days, but that will only be a problem if you insist on doing everything yourself.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

A new moon in the sympathetic sign of Aries this week means it is time you put your own interests first. What's best for you? Do it!



CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

As someone who respects the past you like things to stay as they are but that is not an option now. You must move with the times.



CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

Make a point of letting partners and loved ones make their own decisions this week. It might surprise you how well they cope.



LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Have faith in your own ideas and don't be afraid to stick your neck out and take a risk. You are on the right track.



AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The approaching new moon suggests you will get more out of life by being co-operative than by being openly competitive.



VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The planets make it easy for you to approach people in positions of power. Let them know who you are and what you can do.



PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

Have the courage to take risks this week, even though everyone around you is telling you to stick with what is safe. Trust your instincts.



This day in history

1606: The Union Flag is adopted as the flag of Great Britain.
1633: The formal inquest of Galileo Galilei by the Inquisition begins.
1917: First World War: Canadian forces successfully complete the taking of Vimy Ridge from the Germans.
1945: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dies while in office; vice-president Harry Truman is sworn in as the 33rd President.
1955: The polio vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, is declared safe and effective.
1980: Terry Fox begins his Marathon of Hope in St. John's, N.L.

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